Government establishments; and

(c) what are the names of the Indian Public Sector Institutions which have business relations with Japanese trading company named Nissho Iwai Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM); (a) to (c) Necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Power generation in the country

1841. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI R. T. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state.

(a) what is the quantum of power generated in the country at present as compared to the last three years, year-wise and whether the present power generation still falls short of the target;

(b) whether it is also a fact that capacity creation of power has been brought down from 48000 MW to 28000 MW;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to accelerate power generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The required details are given

Year	Generation (MU)	
	Target	Actual
1988-89 . .	226500	221125
1989-90 . . .	257300	245141
1990-91 . . .	271250	264231
April, 91—Nov, 91 .	185821	186524

(b) and (c) 8th Plan has not been finalised so far by the Planning Commission.

(d) Various measures being taken. to improve the generation in the country include commissioning of new generation capacity, Renovation and Modernisation of old units, assistance to Electricity Boards in undertaking Plant Betterment Programme, Supply of requisite quantity and quality of coal, training of operation and Main tenance personnel and strengthening of transmission and distribution system.

Electrification of Villages in Tamil Nadu

1842. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleaed to state:

(a) what is the number of villages electrified during the Seventh Five Year Plan period in Tamil Nadu;

(b) what is the number of villages yet to be electrified; and

(c) what is the number of villages likely to be electrified during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) According to information furnished by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB), 113 villages were electrified during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(b) As per available information, only 16 villages are yet to be electri. fied in the State, of which, 9 villages are treated as uninhabited.

(c) Two villages are programmed for electrification in Tamil Nadu during the current year.

Soviet aided Power and Coal Mining Projects in West Bengal and Bihar

1843. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fate of a number of Soviet-aided power projects in West Bengal and Bihar have become uncertain following the post-coup developments in the Soviet Union % per the news item entitled "Soviet-aided projects face black future" which appeared in the 'Times of India' of the 16th September, 1991; and

(b) if so, what is the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The power projects tied up for Soviet technical and financial under-tance are the Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Project (840 MW) of the National Thermal Power Corporation and the Maithon Thermal Power Project (840 MW) of the Damodar Valley Corporation, both in Bihar and the Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project Phase-I (630 MW) of the West Bengal Power Development Corporation in West Bengal. The Soviet Government have assured the Government of India that it stands by all its commitments in the power sector, as recently as on 14-18 November, 1991 during the visit to Moscow of the External Affairs Minister.

Progress of Soviet assisted Thermal Power Projects

1844. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the Soviet assisted Thermal Power Projects in the country;

(b) what is the present stage of progress in respect of each of those projects;

(c) whether the Indo-Soviet working Group on Power has met, recently; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) A list of Soviet aided Thermal Power Projects alongwith their present status is given below:—

Name of the Project	Implementing Agency Capacity (MW)	Present status
1. Vindhyachal STPP Stage-I (M.P.)	NTPC (1260)	All units commissioned.
2. Vindhyachal STPP Stage-II (M.P.)	NTPC (1000)	Preliminary work at site is in progress.
3. Kayamkulam Thermal Power Project Stage-I (Kerala)	NTPC (420)	Environment and Forest clearances awaited. DPR has been prepared by Soviet side.